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Friend --

My colleagues and I voted this week on the City's Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Budget provides funding for several key initiatives which I fought for, as well as establishes the framework to increase city services in our neighborhoods and address our homelessness crisis.

I helped secure funding for projects that will benefit the quality of life through safer streets, increase recreational opportunities, and celebrate our communities across our City. Here's a partial list of the funding that I helped secure:

Los Angeles Police Department Northeast Division Station Parking Structure (\$9.68M) - Project will utilize Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles funds to build a structure allowing personnel to park on site. Currently, officers at the Glassell Park facility are leasing a parking lot at a church located a mile away.

Bureau of Engineering Rehabilitation of Descanso Drive (\$2.6M) - The allocation will provide funds for City departments to re-engineer and reconstruct a completely failed street in Silver Lake.

Tunnel and Underpass Lighting Improvement Project (\$500,000) - The Council District 13 initiative will enhance the safety and connectivity of pedestrians and bicyclists in underpasses by upgrading and replacing the existing lighting with new LED lights. Areas impacted include East Hollywood, Echo Park, Historic Filipinotown, Hollywood, and Silver Lake.

Hollywood Community Plan Update Fully Funded - Worked with Council colleagues during the budget process to fully maintain Planning Department positions, and fund the completion of the Hollywood Community Plan update.

Echo Park Skate Park (\$661,000) - CD13 secured funding that will help close the gap to construct a new skate park at the former Echo Park Recreation Center pool. The design is currently underway.

Cultural Heritage Event Funding (\$24,888) - Secured funding to hold citywide Heritage Month events for both Native American and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender communities at City Hall.

I want to thank all the City Departments, as well as my colleagues on the Budget and Finance Committee, for working with my office to approve these items that will improve public safety, fix our aging infrastructure, and offer even more opportunities for our youth to participate in healthy recreation. I look forward to breaking ground on these projects in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

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